

“LETTING YOU KNOW”

The Illinois Department of Transportation is interested in maintaining close communications with industry. This newsletter highlights subjects which we believe will be of interest to you.

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NEW APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING PROGRAM:

The Governor has signed into law an amendment to the Illinois Procurement Code that impacts all bidders on IDOT nonfederally-funded projects. Effective June 1, 2004, all bidders must participate in apprenticeship and training programs that are both approved by and registered with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. The participation will be based on the trades that perform work on IDOT contracts. In addition, the requirement also applies to subcontractors.

Bidders will be required to indicate the program sponsor for the program in which they participate in the contract bid forms, and they will be required to certify that they and their subcontractors for the project are participating in a program. Proof of compliance may be requested.

Those interested are encouraged to read Public Act 93-0642 for the requirements of the law. For further information, or to inquire how a program complying with the new requirement can be set up in your area, you may contact the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training. Information about approval and registration of these programs may be found at http://www.doleta.gov/atels_bat/.

AUTHORIZATION TO BID:

To bid directly with the department, a firm must request and be authorized to bid. With the advent of electronic Plans & Proposals, a few firms have downloaded the documents and submitted a bid without requesting or receiving authorization to bid. Therefore, their bids were returned unread. Please see the "Special Notice Regarding IDOT Proposals, Authorization To Bid & Requests For Plans & Proposals" in this Bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Duncan at (217) 782-7806.

SSPC CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

Many department painting contracts require both QP1 and QP2 SSPC Certification. **Contractors are required to submit copies of current certificates for each letting.** These certificates must be submitted along with the contractors' original BC 57—Affidavit of Availability.



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**PERSONAL
PROTECTIVE
EQUIPMENT:**

One of the recommendations of the Work Zone Safety Task Force is to require all workers exposed to traffic in a work zone to wear high visibility garments meeting the ANSI Class 2 specification. The department is implementing this recommendation with the addition of a Special Provision for all projects on the July letting.

Currently, all flaggers are required to wear ANSI Class 2 vests, and this requirement is not being revised. However, garments other than vests such as t-shirts with reflective stripes will be allowed for non-flagger personnel. All conforming garments have the ANSI Class 2 marking identified on the garment.

**NEW PAYROLL
REQUIREMENT:**

A new law went into effect on January 1, 2004. The law states that "While participating on Public Works, each contractor's payroll records shall include the starting and ending times of work for each employee." To be in compliance with this new state statute, contractors will be required to track employees start/end times. At this point, the start/end time is **not** part of the Certified Payroll form. Please contact Jim Duncan at (217) 782-7806 if you have any questions.

STAY INFORMED!

Keep in touch with your representative on the IDOT/Industry Policy Committee and IDOT/Industry Joint Co-op Committee.